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HEADLINE: STATE TO DEDICATE ERNEST P. BICKNELL HIGHWAY IN JULY

INDIANAPOLIS (June 3, 2011) – The State of Indiana is dedicating the six-mile stretch of Indiana [Highway 159 from Bicknell to Freelandville](#) on July 16, 2011 in memory of Ernest P. Bicknell. Advanced by the passage of [Senate Concurrent Resolution 43](#), which urged the Indiana Department of Transportation to rename the highway, the naming seeks to honor a Hoosier who lived a life dedicated to the service of those in need. Senator John Waterman (R – Shelburn) authored SEA 43 after discussing the matter with State Archivist Jim Corridan.

“Ernest P. Bicknell was renowned worldwide for his efforts to organize and modernize global humanitarian relief efforts,” said Corridan. “I would like to thank Senator Waterman for leading the effort to recognize this great Hoosier humanitarian.”

Ernest P. Bicknell served as the National Director of the Red Cross, Vice Chairman for Insular and Foreign Operations, and as General Superintendent of the Chicago Bureau of Charities. Bicknell studied relief needs in Europe during and after World War I and was the recipient of many medals and decorations, including the Order of the Crown of Belgium, Order of the Legion of Honor of France, Order of the Crown of Italy, and the Order of St. Anne of Russia.

The ceremony will be held on Saturday, July 16, 2011 at XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX in Knox County.

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